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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Gerhard Dittrich

Appln. No.: TBA

Filed: May 23, 2001

For: METHOD FOR PROVIDING MEASURED

VALUES FOR END CUSTOMERS

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend this application as follows:

## **AMENDMENTS**

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-7 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter

thereof.

Please add the following new claims:

8. (New) A method for providing measured values for end customers, comprising

the steps of:

recording a measured value for a process variable using a sensor S1, S2,

S3;

transmitting the measured value to a process control system PLS;